Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting	Date: 6-16-2011 8:30 a.m. Calvin Rampton Complex, Main Conference Room
Meeting called by: MCAB Committee	Board Member: Don Ipson
Attendees (those that signed in):	Terry Smith, UTA Wayne Jones, RW Jones Trucking Rand Austin, Beehive Insurance Jeff England, Pride Transport Duane Braegger, Tramcor, Inc. Dick Allen, Geneva Rock Lt. Bruce Pollei, UHP Cpt. Kirk Middaugh, UHP Troy Masx, UHP Mark Panos, DPS – Highway Safety Tom Given, UAPT President Murrell Martins, UT State Office of Education Chad Sheppick, Acting Director, UDOT Motor Carrier Division Ahmad Jaber, UDOT Motor Carrier Tawnya Lang, UDOT Motor Carrier Division Stephen Goodrich, UDOT Motor Carrier Division Jim Phillips, UDOT Motor Carrier Division Linda Hull, UDOT
Absent:	
Item: Welcome and	Approval of Minutes
Discussion: Item: Motor Carrier	Minutes from April 21, 2011. Quorum approved. Division Update – Chad Sheppick
Discussion:	 Chad explained that Rick Clasby has now officially left the division for his new position as President and CEO of Help, Inc. The search for a new director is underway and will be completed within a few weeks. The division had the pleasure to assist as judges and staff with the annual truck driving championships on June 11. The quality of drivers participating was impressive. CVSA Roadcheck – this year 1185 Level 1,2,and 3 inspections were performed. Last year there were In the area of vehicle inspections, this year 19% of vehicles were placed out of service, last year the rate was 20%, down 1%. This year 5% of the drivers were out of service, last year 4% were placed out of service, up 1%. New Hire Academy – 9 attendees over three weeks received level 3 inspection training and an introduction to the division. They are working in the St. George, Perry and Echo Ports of Entry. Construction will begin soon and will necessitate a 60 day closure of the Monticello POE. Construction will include fixing problems with the elevation of the parking and ramps and the installation of new scales. The Perry POE will close for 3 weeks as UDOT resurfaces the freeway and the ramps in and out of the port.
Action Item:	None
Results &	
Implementations: Attachment(s):	None
Item: Rule Making F	
Discussion:	When the legislature passes bills concerning transportation, UDOT is tasked with draft rule making responsibility. As part of the process, the Transportation Commission reviews the rule. The attorneys review and the rule is then published for public comment. Minor changes

	can be heard, but the rule cannot make substantive changes to the legislation, that is out of UDOT's purview. In this case of the school bus advertising, limiting the ads to one side of the bus would be considered substantive and concerns of that nature would be best addressed in the 2012 legislative session.	
Action Item:	None	
Results &	None	
Implementations:		
Attachment(s):	None	
Item: School Bus Advertising Rule – ratification of the board approval.		

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Chad asked for comments:

- Murrell Martins (State Office of Education Transportation Specialist) thanked the efforts of UDOT and UHP for the progressive way they dealt with the adoption of the school bus standards. He said the State Office of Education is placed in the middle of concerns over the school bus advertising issue. He cannot speak for the state board, his role is to listen to all who would voice opinion. The board is a large group and nothing is processed quickly. They go through a well thought out and detailed process for any approvals. His concern is that the board has not advised UDOT yet and according to 41.6a.1304, "the Department of Transportation by and with the advice of the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Safety shall adopt and enforce rules, not inconsistent with this chapter, to govern the design and operation of all school buses in the state..." It might well be that the board may feel pre-empted in this process and might question moving forward without their advice.
- Don asked Murrell if he knew where the board stands on this issue.
- Murrell No, I believe they want to know what the associations feelings are. I can comment on a couple of recent rules on safety. One requires the driver to check their buses thoroughly after each trip. They have also taken a pro-active position in the use of electronic equipment. Both those rules are more restrictive than state law.
- Chad You mentioned yesterday that the board may have authority to further restrict policy beyond what state law outlines.
- Murrell Don't know that It is probably a question for the attorneys.
- Ahmad Do the charter schools fall under the state board jurisdiction. Our role here is to clarify law, not to make it more restrictive.
- Tom Givens (Utah Association for Pupil Transportation President Elect) said that charter schools, and even private companies like Serv-a-Bus fall under the same rules. Granite School District has decided to advertise on buses and live by the rules given and maybe even be more restrictive. The concerns that UAPT has is distracted kids. Last year 165 people drove past a bus while stopped with the signs out, they missed stopping because they were distracted. There are no studies on bus ads and kids being injured. Kids drop something out of backpack and reach down or crawl under a bus and get run over. The state is offering a carrot for funding to make up for lost revenue elsewhere and while the smaller districts will watch, the larger urban districts will do it. We worry about the distraction, it is the only negative thing we see. Good that legislature is looking for creative ways to raise funds, but we can't know what goes on outside a bus. If we raise \$60,000 with this, it is \$60,000 we didn't have before. Grateful for the opportunity, fearful of the distractions.
- Ben Rowley (President AFT Local 6226 and school bus driver) passed out a position paper on this issue. His concern is the loading side of the bus, the most dangerous side of the vehicle. Driver has to watch this area closely along with front of bus. They police area around bus. If there are things on the bus that attract attention, it causes a problem. They had added a route number sign to the side of the bus and were amazed at how many students had to come up to, look at and touch just that small sign. The hallmark of a good driver is to know what is goes on all around your vehicle at all times, including inside. Ads could make it more difficult. Windows are another concern. Drivers use them extensively, while driving and while parked. Be careful and cautious of anything that restricts light in to the bus.
- Chairman Ipson did a lot of research during the legislative session. Couldn't find anything. Two bus drivers that are members of the House voted against this bill. That may be telling. This rule was sent out and worked on by email. The board needs

	to ratify the action already taken. Public comment would begin July 1. I hope that the State Board would comment during this period. Murrell said that they will net even get it on their agenda by then. Don Ipson expressed concern about that and asked Chad if there was any way to hold the process. Chad said he could check with senior leadership. Ahmad said the department is under a time frame – that the rule making process should be concluded within six months of the bill passing. He asked if the board couldn't comment during that 6 week time period. Murrell said that the board couldn't comment in that time frame, and asked when the six month period started. It was determined that it began May 10. Don committed to make calls to the board chair and to Superintendent Larry Shumway after this meeting. He didn't think UDOT wants the appearance of thumbing its nose at the State Board, we respect their position. He also mentioned that he has a personal bias on this bill and fought hard during the session. He feels that giving up safety for the sake of money is the wrong thing to do. Don continued that he didn't think it would be out of line as the board goes on record of ratifying this rule that it also didn't support the concept of compromising safety. While approving the rule, some on the board were not in favor of school bus advertising. He didn't think the board could overwrite the statute, but could go on record. The 1,000 lb, gorilla in the room is the question of whether UDOT or the school board has the ability to further restrict what is in the bill – it sounded like a slippery slope. Ahmad agreed it was a dangerous precedent. Don asked for any other public comment and mentioned that he had driven truck for a long time and when he was pulling trailers with scenic pictures, etc. they did cause some distraction. He thanks those who had commented and asked where they had been during the committee hearings. Wayne Jones commented that after they had built their shop, many homes were built up around them.
Action Item:	Don Ipson will call the State Board chair and State Superintendent Larry Shumway about getting their input on this rule.
Results &	The rule goes to public comment on July 1, 2011.
Implementations:	
Attachment(s):	None
-	eview of TACT Program – Lt. Bruce Pollei
Discussion:	"Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks" – Lt. Pollei explained that TACT is an FMCSA grant program for traffic enforcement around big trucks. From a University of Utah crash study, the I-15 corridor from 6 th to 106 th South has been a high crash area for CMV's. Bad lane changes, cutting off trucks, not using signals, tailgating and merging traffic are the major challenges. TACT is to educate the public on laws and behaviors to avoid crashes with CMV's.

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Item: UHP, Lt Bruce	e Pollei
Discussion:	We appreciate the opportunity to be involved with the industry and work with
	professional drivers at the Truck Driving Championships.
	 Roadcheck was conducted all over the state. We had a crew near Bryce Canyon to conduct motor coach inspections as motor coach safety is a huge issue nationally.
	We inspected 84 motor coaches and only found 2 out of service.
	Captain Middaugh commented that he is new to this area of the patrol, but
	understands Utah has one of the lowest crash rates in the country. It is no surprise when you see the cooperation from all parts of the industry.
	 UHP is focused on holiday weekends. We are in the midst of the 100 deadliest days
	of the year, from Memorial Day forward. Easter averages 1.3 deaths per day, this
	year it looks like that will be 1.0 per day. Memorial Day averages between 1.4 to 1.5 deaths per day, but this year also will be about 1.0 per day.
Action Item:	None
Results &	None
Implementations:	
Attachment(s):	None
Item: Utah Trucking	g Association, Terry Smith
Discussion:	Thank you to the Highway Patrol and UDOT for their assistance with our Truck
	Driving Championships. Without you it couldn't happen. We had 130 drivers compete and many companies donated equipment for the event. We will send 9
	drivers to the national competition in Orlando. In 2013, the National TDC will be
	held in Salt Lake City.
	• The Safety Management Council is hosting the 53 rd annual Rocky Mountain Safety Rendezvous in July. Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado all participate in this event
	in Park City. There will be 120 safety managers attend this year.
	• TACT – I had the opportunity to ride during the first blitz. It is amazing to see what
Action Item:	goes on the road and then how it changes when the highway patrol is out there. None
Results &	None
Implementations:	
Attachment(s):	None
Item: FMCSA, Bob	Kelleher
Discussion:	Not Available
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Item: FWHA, Kelly Lund		
Discussion:	Not Available	
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Item: Utah State Tax Commission, Kevin Park		
Discussion:	Not Available	
Action Item:	None	
Attachment(s):	None	
Item: Associated General Contractors, Rich Thorn		
Discussion:	Not Available	
Action Item:	None	
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